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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 5 and 7 have been amended and new dependent claims 9-23 have been added.

Claims 1-23 are pending and under consideration.

ITEM 2: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-8 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) BY QURESHY ET AL.

In accordance with the foregoing, each of the independent claims 1, 5, and 7 has been amended.

Independent claims 1, 5, and 7, as amended, clarify that the electronic equipment/control apparatus/storage medium further comprises a lid selectively movable between an open position in which the main and auxiliary display sections are visible and a closed section in which the main display section is not visible but the auxiliary display section remains visible. The amendment is fully supported by the original disclosure on page 11, lines 19-21 of the specification and FIG. 2, for example.

According to the present invention, the display made in the auxiliary display section is easily recognizable by the user, even in a state where the lid is closed. Accordingly, the user can recognize various status information from the display made in the auxiliary display section when the lid is closed, such as during a standby state of the electronic equipment and when the electronic equipment is temporarily not used and the user has closed the lid.

Qureshey et al. does not teach electronic equipment having a lid and an auxiliary display section that is visible (or exposed) even in state where the lid is closed.

QURESHY ET AL. IS FROM A NON-RELEVANT ART

The present invention relates to electronic equipment which may include "portable information processing apparatuses such as lap-top personal computers and notebook type word processors..." and the specification points out problems with related art such devices wherein "an auxiliary display section is provided in addition to a normal main display section...[a] display area of the auxiliary display section is small compared to that of the main display section." The reasons explaining this circumstance are set forth (see application, page 1, lines 29-32). Electronic equipment manufactured by the common assignee hereof, FUJITSU LIMITED of Japan, having both main and auxiliary displays, and in the latter of which status information is

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displayed depending upon manipulation of a mode select switch 106, is discussed -- along with problems encountered in the manipulation of displays for users who are not skillful in that function.

Qureshey et al. is submitted to reside in a different art than that to which the invention relates, namely "network-enabled audio devices" as in the title and a so-called "intelligent radio...", as the disclosed device is frequently referred to in the specification. The audio device of the reference "has a visible display for providing audio source choices to a user...for managing audio sources..." and the like. (paragraph [0009]). In one embodiment, a home PC may be connected to the "network-enable audio device..." -- readily indicating that the reference is unrelated to the type of electronic equipment contemplated by the present invention.

While a display device 112 is provided, FIGS. 3(a)-3(e) show the types of displays presented thereon "while in the web radio mode." (See FIGS. 3(A)-(E) and paragraph [0091]).

In short, the reference is unrelated to electronic equipment having a main display and one (or more) auxiliary displays, as are disclosed in the present application -- and clearly has neither the need for a lid which is rotated to an open position to render the main display visible, and selectively rotated to a closed position for protection and/or for transport or storage and further affording the advantage of having an auxiliary display which remains visible even when the lid is closed. Clearly, the reference does not contemplate the use of a lid at all, much less a lid having the characteristics of selectively closing a main display from view while an auxiliary display remains viewable even in the closed condition of the lid.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims patentably distinguish over the reference of record.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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